

Remarks

The Examiner has indicated that a revised Abstract is required. Applicant has made the revisions and has attached the amended Abstract within the 150-word limit.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 and 2 are allowed, and for noting that claims 3-17 would be allowable if rewritten. Claim 3 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection. Further, the Examiner notes that Claims 7/5/4, 6/5/4, 9/8/4, 10/9/8/4, 12/4 and 13/12/4 are not enabling as to the nonreturn valve element recited in claim 4. Applicant has amended claims 5, 8 and 12 to have each of these claims depend from claim 1 and not from any of claims 1 to 4. This amendment renders dependent claims 5 – 13 fully enabling.

The Examiner objects to Claims 11 and 14-17 as being improper as to form. Applicant has amended Claims 11, 14, 15 and 16 to have them depend from other claims in the alternative only and not from other dependent claims. Claim 17 has been cancelled.

Lastly, the Examiner further objects to the specifications as being non-enabling for failing to set forth any embodiment in which several of the features exclusive to any one distinct embodiment of the claimed invention is combinable with other features of other distinct embodiments. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The unique features of the various embodiments are primarily the location and shape of the openings 4 and 5, and the existence of an additional membrane 7. Applicant believes that it has provided ample description of how these distinct features are combinable among the distinct embodiments, where such combinations are desired. For example, it is clear that the membrane 7 may be used on every embodiment having openings 4 located at the distal end of the cursor 3. However, according to the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has amended the Specification to state where the membrane 7 could be incorporated as part of the invention.

Applicant believes that the application has now been placed in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner passes the application as allowed.

A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being submitted with this Response. Please charge any additional fees that may be due to Account No. 13-1981, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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